REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	13 November 2003
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Manukau
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	9) A13274\el22.jpg
Other Known Title(s):	Not Stated
Director(s):	Not Applicable
Producer(s):	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author(s):	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language(s):	Not Applicable

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running Time:

Trailers: Running Time:

Total Running Time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *9) A13274\el22.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The computer image file tends to promote and support acts of torture and the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty. This image is one in a series of ten images that present a female who is bound and gagged, apparently in various stages of electrocution. The presentation of this image appears to have been created for the purpose of viewer titillation and sexual arousal. The act of torture and the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty are presented as legitimate for such a purpose. Therefore, under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, the computer image file tends to promote and support these activities and is deemed to be objectionable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote and support acts of torture and the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty.

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